



Mullen Fire Daily Update

Sunday, September 27, 2020: 9:00 am

Fire facts

Location

38 miles west of Laramie, Wyoming

Fire size today: 69,138

Per infrared flight morning 9/26/2020

Fire start date: September 17, 2020

Cause: Under investigation

Call Laramie Ranger District anonymous tip line 307-745-2392 with information that may aid in the fire investigation.

Containment: 2%

Resources: 458 firefighters total

Mandatory Evacuations: See the Albany County Sheriff FB page for the latest list

<https://www.facebook.com/Albany-County-Sheriffs-Office-61842494497540>

East of HWY 11 along Sheep Mountain, from Fox Creek Road, North to Hecht Creek. The communities of Lake Creek, Rambler, Rob Roy area, Wold, Beehive, Pelton Creek Mountain Home, Graham and adjacent areas, Fox Park, Foxborough, Albany, Woods Landing. EVERYTHING along HWY 10 to the Colorado State Line.

Areas near Sheep Landing to Lake Hattie Reservoir and NORTH of HWY230.

Fox Creek Road including areas west of HWY 11 south of the Middle Fork Canyon. Keystone Communities: Keystone Proper, Lower Keystone, Langford/Ricker, Moore's Gulch, 507C Cabin grouping

• Centennial remains on pre-evacuation

Temporary Flight Restriction

A Temporary Flight Restriction is in effect for the fire area

https://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_0_2470.html

Management

Rocky Mountain Type 2 Blue Team

Virtual Community Q&A TODAY at 5 p.m.

The meeting will be livestreamed on the Mullen Fire Information page (<https://www.facebook.com/MullenFire>)

Summary

Yesterday, facing extreme fire behavior, firefighters again held the fire outside the Rambler community and kept it from advancing further toward Rob Roy Reservoir. On the southwest flank, fire extended a short distance over the North Platte River, and firefighters promptly began working to prevent more growth. On the northeast, fire crossed the Fox Creek road and moved into the Squirrel Burn area, prompting another Forest closure.

The lower portion of the fire continued pushing beyond Lake Owen to Fox Creek Road. The leading edge slowed as it entered a previously burned area, then crossed WY 230 in a position to threaten Woods Landing and Jelm. With wind gusts reaching 70 mph at times, fire managers recommended a mandatory evacuation of multiple communities in Albany County. (See list to left.)

Today, firefighters focus on protecting structures in two ways. Ahead of the fire, they are assessing and preparing structures for the possible advance of the fire as the wind shifts and the fire moves to the southeast. Behind the flaming front, firefighters are entering communities as quickly as possible to perform structure protection actions. Damage assessment information is not yet available. Aerial support will continue as weather conditions allow. Task Forces of additional firefighters from multiple Wyoming fire departments have arrived to assist crews.

Fire Conditions and Weather

Gusty winds will shift to come from the northwest as a cold front passes. A few scattered light snow showers may occur, but are not expected to bring much moisture. Fire activity will remain extreme.

Closures and Restrictions

Wyoming 11 is closed between Wyoming 130 and Albany. Wyoming 230 is closed from Wyoming 10 to the Colorado border. There is no estimate on when these roads might reopen.

Forest Closure

A Forest area closure is in effect surrounding the Mullen Fire. For details, see the new Forest Closure Order (https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/photos/WYMBF/2020-09-17-1921-Savage-Run-Fire/related_files/pict20200825-175313-0.pdf) and the new Forest Closure Area Map (https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/photos/WYMBF/2020-09-17-1921-Savage-Run-Fire/related_files/pict20200825-175227-0.pdf)

Stage 2 Fire Restrictions are in effect for the fire area

- Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland: https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd786902.pdf
- Albany County: <https://www.co.albany.wy.us/247/Fire-Restrictions>

Fire information: Hours 8am – 9pm Public Line: 307-745-2378

Media Line: 307-461-9456

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